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Sent: 10/4/2019 2:51:02 PM
To: Emeric-Ford, Noemi [Emeric-Ford.Noemi@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: FW: FPN E19902 Slauson Tanker Fire - Update on Grading Permit

Thank you, Noemi!

Cheers,

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Sent: Thursday, October 3, 2019 3:25 PM
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Subject: FW: FW: FPN E19902 Slauson Tanker Fire - Update on Grading Permit

Hello Ben - I'm working on it... will let you know when I have point of contact. I'm out of the office tomorrow, but can check email later in the afternoon. If not, I'll follow-up again on Monday.

From: Elena Stern <elena.stern@lacity.org>
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Subject: Re: FW: FPN E19902 Slauson Tanker Fire - Update on Grading Permit

I've sent out a request to our Exec team to see what we may be able to do.....

On Thu, Oct 3, 2019 at 3:19 PM Emeric-Ford, Noemi <Emeric-Ford.Noemi@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Nuna & Elena – I need some help, EPA has an emergency removal taking place that needs to be completed before the rainy season and we've hit a roadblock with permitting by Building/Safety and Public Works. **Can you direct me to who can help with this urgent request?!** See details below...

There is gasoline-contaminated, shallow soil on two parcels, one owned by the PRP, and one owned by a third party whose house was red-tagged due to the resulting fire. The spill flowed from the PRP's property, over the third-party's property, and into an adjacent storm drain that empties to the LA River. Run-off from both properties flows to this storm drain without temporary stormwater controls that are currently in place.

The red-tagged building needs to be demolished before a soil removal can commence. The City Department of Building and Safety is requiring a permit for the building removal (**19019-30000-04503**) and two permits for the soil removal. The permit application number for 210 W. Slauson is **19030-10000-06374**; Building and Safety will not issue a Grading Permit for 216 W. Slauson until the demolition is complete and inspected (see Bret Bowyer's email below for more detail). The lag time for each permit is four to six weeks, which puts us into December and the rainy season, which is not acceptable from EPA's perspective.

From: Brett Bowyer <brettbowyer@bowyerenvironmental.com>

Sent: Wednesday, October 2, 2019 5:32 PM

Subject: RE: FPN E19902 Slauson Tanker Fire - Update on Grading Permit

Greetings,

We were able to get a City of LA permit application number for the grading at 210 Slauson today (19030-10000-06374). See the attached receipt for the permit application. A plan checker is being assigned and we will pass along the name of the plan checker as soon as we have it (probably Friday). According to the info we received today, they estimate a 4 to 6 week turnaround for the permit.

Please note that they would not allow us to start the application process for 216 Slauson until after they have confirmed that the building has been removed. Currently we are in a holding period on the demo permit application until the 30 day NOI period has expired (October 6th). It is our understanding that on October 7th, the demo permit application can be submitted. George may have more info on timing associated with the demo permit approval, but it may also be a 4 to 6 week process.

So under the worst case scenario, we might not be able to get our permit for 216 grading until new year 2020 (12 weeks after October 7). As shown on the attached there is also some form of a code violation notice (Hector Rodriguez). I suspect that this violation was issued by the city in association with the original explosion, given the date referenced (03-27-19). It states that an investigation fee (minimum of \$400) is due or double the permit fee, whichever is greater. This will need to be addressed in order for the permit for 210 Slauson to be issued.

As soon as we have the name of the plan checker, we will relay it to the team. Any help on accelerating this process with the City will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

Brett Bowyer, P.G.



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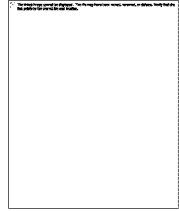
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